

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

February 5, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

Denise Kayser

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Denise Kayser

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
X	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Fiberglass Sculptures for All Aboard the Arts Train Public Art Project (\$38,650)

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

In a continuing effort to enrich Gaithersburg through the arts, the Art in Public Places Committee is recommending "All Aboard the Art Train," a community-wide public art project.

Combining Gaithersburg's railroad past, present and future with a unique arts program, the Art Train will showcase local artists, increase the profile of Gaithersburg's public arts program, and provide an opportunity to connect the business and cultural communities.

It is anticipated that the program will comprise twenty or more artist embellished, fiberglass locomotives and cabooses, strategically placed in front of private businesses and public facilities so as to encourage residents to traverse the City in search of each unique Art Train.

The Art in Public Places Committee will review artists' applications and select artists for inclusion in a "Portfolio of Artists". Individuals, organizations, and businesses will be invited to sponsor a train. Sponsors may select an artist from the Portfolio to embellish their train, as well as suggest its location. Appropriate marketing activities will ensure maximum exposure.

With a community-wide debut of the trains at the City's annual 4th of July Celebration, thousands of area residents will be introduced to the program. The Art Trains will then be dispersed for viewing around the City.

The fiberglass forms are to be purchased individually from Cowpainters, LLC of Chicago, Illinois, as sponsorships for each train are sold. It is anticipated that the program will consist of twenty trains at a total cost not to exceed \$38,650 (\$1,395 per caboose/ \$1,795 per locomotive, \$100 each for shipping, and a \$750 one time start-up fee). Artists will be paid a supply fee and stipend for their work. Cost for this program will be offset somewhat by sponsorships for the art train sculptures.

DESIRED OUTCOME: Vote on Resolution

Resolution Request Form

REQUEST FORM FOR RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITY BUDGET (CONTRACTS/PURCHASES, TRANSFER FUNDS)

(Please attach the Mayor and Council Agenda Cover Sheet to this Form. For contracts/purchases, the Cover Sheet MUST include a list of all bidders and bid amounts.)

Requested by: Denise Kayser Date of City Council Meeting: _____

AUTHORIZING

Purchase __X__ Award Contract _____ Transfer Funds _____ Negotiate/
Execute a Contract __

BID INFORMATION:

Advertisement Date N/A - Sole Source

Newspaper(s) N/A

Bids Opened/Tabulated (date) N/A

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S):

(Be specific; include quantity, item name, model number, etc.)

Art in Public Places All Aboard the Art Train Public Art Project
Original Art: fiberglass sculptures, by Cowpainters, LLC

CONTRACTED/PURCHASE FROM:

Company Name: Cowpainters, LLC

Street Address 811 West Evergreen Street, #110

P. O. Box Number _____

City/State/Zip Chicago, IL 60622

CONTRACT/PURCHASE AMOUNT: \$38,650

Check One: In the Amount of _____ Not to Exceed __X__

FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FROM: Operating Budget _____ Capital Improvements Budget __X__

Account Number: 98-4

(For Finance Department use only; not to be included in the Resolution)

VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Available ✓ Not available _____

Steve Bell 1/30/07
Finance Dept. Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE
FIBERGLASS SCULPTURES FOR THE
ALL ABOARD THE ART TRAIN PUBLIC PROJECT

WHEREAS, Section 57 of the Gaithersburg City Charter provides that the City Council may permit negotiations of contracts without sealed bids for products and services, where in the opinion of the Council, the interests of the City would be best served by negotiated contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City will enter into a contract for the purchase and delivery of the public art fiberglass sculptures; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in providing the installation of the public art for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Art in Public Places Committee has recommended to the Mayor and Council the specific design and scope of the community based project they have effected with the studio:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, that the City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to purchase art from Cowpainters, LLC, 811 West Evergreen Street, #110, Chicago, Illinois 60622, in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$38,650); said funds to be expended from the Capital Improvements Budget.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 5th day of February, 2007.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
public meeting assembled on the 5th day
of February, 2007.

David B. Humpton, City Manager



